(d) whether Government would order any inquiry to ascertain the causes and reasons of management failure; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) ITDC has decided to lease out the existing Chinese Cuising Manderin Restaurant in Janpath Hotel for operating as South Indian Restaurant in the business interests of the Corporation.

(b) Yes, Sir. All India ITDC Hotel Workers Federation has represented to protesting ITDC Management decision for leasing out the said restaurant.

(c) The ITDC Management decision to convert the departmentally operated Chinese Cuising Restaurant in to a South Indian Restaurant and leasing it out to private party is guided by business considerations and not dissensions, failure etc.

(d) and (e) The matter is under examination.

Tourism Development in the North Eastern Region during Ninth Plan Period

1164. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to formulate an Integrated Tourism Development Plan for the entire North-Eastern region during the Ninth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and, if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) In order to give thrust to the development of tourism in the North Eastern region during the Ninth Plan, the Department of Tourism has set up a special cell on North East region to monit the tourism developmental activities of the region. In addition the Department of Tourism has also constituted a Task Force for the Himalayan Region including North Eastern region for development and promotion of Tourism in the region.

Developing Bundi Town in Rajasthan as Tourist Resort

1165. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests to develop Bundi town in Rajasthan as tourist resort have been received by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof with action taken thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to develop some towns of Andhra Pradesh also as tourist resorts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rs.6.78 lakhs was provided to the State Govt. for setting up of a tourist complex at Bundi during the year 1990-91.

(c) and (d) The Deptt. of Tourism, Govt. of India extends Central financial assistance for tourism projects to State Govts. based on their merit, inter-se-priority and availability of funds. During the Eighth Plan the Deptt. has sanctioned Rs.311.89 lakhs for various tourism projects such as Tourist Complexes, Yatri Niwases, Vayside Amenities, Tourism Reception Centres, Fairs and Festivals, Adventure sports equipment etc. to Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh in the State Tourism Policy has identified certain areas as notified tourism areas.

पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए राज्यों को वित्तीय सहायता

1166. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस वर्ष पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए विभिन्न राज्यों को आर्थिक सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए निर्धारित धनराशि का राज्य-वार कितना-कितना आवंटन किया गया है;

(ख) विशेषकर हिमाचल प्रदेश, पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों तथा जम्मू और कश्मीर सहित किन-किन राज्यों ने किस-किस योजना के अंतर्गत वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान किए जाने का अनुरोध किया है; और